

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Non-Compliance was on the basis that claim 30 had an incorrect status identifier. In reply, a listing of claims 1-43, indicating that claim 30 has been –previously presented– rather than “currently amended,” is included on pages 2-9 of this Response. The claims are otherwise identical to those submitted on October 11, 2006.

For the reasons stated in the October 11 response (and also in the “Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Conference”), withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

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